IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 2, 16, and 17, without prejudice.

Amend claims 1, 3-5, 21 and 22 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 as follows:

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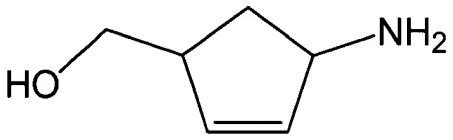
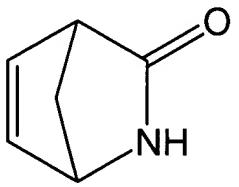
1. (Twice Amended) A process for the preparation of an aminoalcohol of the formula



consisting essentially of the ~~comprising~~ step of reducing 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one of the formula



with lithium borohydride to form the aminoalcohol, wherein the nitrogen of the 2-azabicyclo is not protected.

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3. (Twice Amended) The process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the reducing step is carried out at a temperature of from -20 to 200° C.

4. (Thrice Amended) The process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the reducing step is carried out in a solvent selected from the group consisting of an aprotic organic solvent, protic organic solvent, and mixtures thereof.

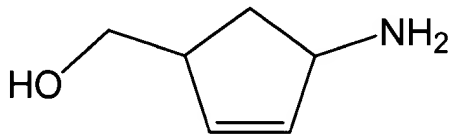
5. (Thrice Amended) The process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the reducing step is carried out in the presence of an additive selected from the group consisting of water and univalent and polyvalent C_{1-6} alcohols.

21. (Amended) The process of claim 19, wherein the 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one is (1R,4S)-2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one and the aminoalcohol formed is (1R,4S)-1-amino-4-(hydroxymethyl)-2-cyclopentene.

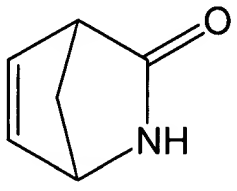
22. (Amended) The process of claim 19, wherein the 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one is (1S,4R)-2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one and the aminoalcohol formed is (1S,4R)-1-amino-4-(hydroxymethyl)-2-cyclopentene.

Add claim 24 reading as follows:

24. A process for ~~the~~ preparation of an aminoalcohol of the formula



comprising ~~the~~ a step of reacting 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one of the formula



with lithium borohydride to form the aminoalcohol.